

Referendum Question

Under Sections 5.5.2.1 and 5.5.5.1 of the Groton Town Charter, the following question will appear on the November 6, 2012 ballot:

1. Shall the Ordinance Appropriating \$11,200,000 and Authorizing Bonds and Notes in the Same Amount for the Calendar Years 2013 Through 2017 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program be Approved?

The full text of the bond ordinance is on file at the Town Clerk’s Office

Impact on Mill Rate

The estimated annual impact of the project on the General Fund mill rate set out below assumes a 0.5% annual increase in the taxable Grand List, a 3.0% to 5.0% municipal bond interest rate, and up to five 10-year bond issues with substantially level principal payments financing a total project cost of \$11.2 million.

For every \$100,000 of assessed value, it is estimated that a taxpayer would pay \$8.93 the first year, \$36.95 in the fifth year, and the amount would gradually decrease thereafter to \$2.74 in the final year. These estimates are subject to change since they are based on assumptions that may vary depending on future events.

Fiscal Year	Estimated Mill Increase	Fiscal Year	Estimated Mill Increase
2013-14	0.09	2021-22	0.32
2014-15	0.17	2022-23	0.31
2015-16	0.27	2023-24	0.23
2016-17	0.34	2024-25	0.16
2017-18	0.37	2025-26	0.08
2018-19	0.36	2026-27	0.03
2019-20	0.34	2027-28	-
2020-21	0.33	-	-

Intent and Purpose of the Proposal

The ordinance if approved would appropriate \$11,200,000 for costs related to maintenance and rehabilitation of the Town’s accepted network of roads, including town-accepted roads within the geographical boundaries of the City of Groton and of the Groton Long Point Association, anticipated to be accomplished during calendar years ending December 31, 2013 through December 31, 2017, and costs related to the financing thereof. The estimated costs of the project are:

- \$3,542,011 for maintenance and rehabilitation of roads within the boundaries of the City of Groton;
- \$986,703 for maintenance and rehabilitation of roads located within the boundaries of Groton Long Point Association;
- \$6,364,800 for maintenance and rehabilitation of roads within the Town and outside of the boundaries of the City of Groton and Groton Long Point Association; and
- \$306,486 for financing costs.

The project is contemplated to include the roads described in the document entitled “Town of Groton, CT, Calendar Years 2013 through 2017 Road Maintenance and Rehabilitation Program,” as presented to the Town Council on June 26, 2012. A copy of the report is on file in the office of the Town Clerk. The project may also include such other roads as may be determined from time-to-time by the Town Council following consultation as applicable with the Mayor of the City of Groton and the President of the Groton Long Point Association. Following consultation as applicable with the Mayor of the City of Groton and the President of the Groton Long Point Association, the Town Council shall determine the scope and particulars of the project and may reduce or modify the scope of the project, and the entire appropriation may be expended on the project as so modified or reduced.

Modifications to the project resulting from things such as utilities reconstruction, accelerating aging of road surfaces, construction of new developments and other unanticipated factors may require adjustments to the list of roads expected to be worked upon.

Current Project Summary

<u>Year</u>	<u>Name of Road/Project Area</u>
Year 1 (2013) City of Groton	Church St., Paul Revere Rd., Nathan Hale Rd., Constitution Pl., Madison Pl., Mohawk Dr., Pilgrim Dr., Liberty Dr., Blueberry Hill Rd., Twin Hills Dr., Old Farm Rd., Morse Ave., Kamaha St., Morgan Ct., Thomas Rd.
Groton Long Point Town of Groton	Atlantic Ave. Toll Gate Rd., Carter Rd., Knoll Dr., Mohegan Rd., Osage Ln., Seneca Dr., Erie Ln., Sachem Rd., Meridian St.
Year 2 (2014) City of Groton	Blueberry Hill Rd., Twin Hills Dr., Old Farm Rd., Morse Ave., Kamaha St., Morgan Ct., Thomas Rd., Meridian St., Shennecossett Rd., Poquonnock Rd.
Groton Long Point Town of Groton	Bridge St. and Atlantic Ave. Brook St., Smith Ln., Westview Ave., Harbor Ct., MacDonald Ct., Prospect Hill Rd., Williams St., Ridgewood Dr., Bel Aire Dr., Drozdyk Dr.
Year 3 (2015) City of Groton	Meridian St., Shennecossett Rd., Poquonnock Rd., Litton Ave., Meech Ave., Cottage St., N. Prospect St., Circle Ave., Tyler Ave.
Groton Long Point Town of Groton	West Shore Ave. Algonquin Dr., Clift St., Godfrey St., High St., New London Rd., Rathbun Pl., Starr St., Forrest Ave., Larchmont Ter., Kiser St., Buddington Rd.
Year 4 (2016) City of Groton	Litton Ave., Meech Ave., N. Prospect St., Tyler Ave., Nicholas Ave., Greenview Rd., John St., Virginia Ave., Cutler St., Sacred Heart Dr., Tom Ave., Triton Pl., White St., School St., Chicago Ave.
Groton Long Point Town of Groton	West Shore Ave. and East Shore Ave. Avon Pl., Hyde Pond Ct., N. Stonington Rd., Packer Rd., Pumpkin Hill Rd., Quakertown Rd., Shewville Rd., Mystic Meadows Ln., Noank-Ledyard Rd.
Year 5 (2017) City of Groton	Nicholas Ave., Greenview Rd., John St., Virginia Ave., Cutler St., Sacred Heart Dr., Tom Ave., Triton Pl., White St., School St., Chicago Ave.
Groton Long Point Town of Groton	East Shore Ave. and South Shore Ave. Capstan Ave., Irving St., Island View Ave., Windwood Way